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Docket No.: 28682/71100  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Tie Lan, et al

Application No.: 09/896961

Group Art Unit: 1714

Filed: June 29, 2001

Examiner: K. Wyroebski-Lee

For: LAYERED CLAY INTERCALATES AND  
EXFOLIATES HAVING A LOW QUARTZ  
CONTENT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated February 4, 2003, and prior to payment of the Issue Fee, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 38 and 47, without prejudice.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 28682/71100	
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Applicant(s): Tie Lan, et al					
Invention: LAYERED CLAY INTERCALATES AND EXFOLIATES HAVING A LOW QUARTZ CONTENT					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	13	- 20 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =		x	0.00
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					0.00
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